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Dear Mr. Gottinger:

This letter is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of January 25, 2019, for:

a copy of records documenting the number of employees of the Centers For Disease Control And Prevention, who were terminated/retired, or left the CDC for any reason, for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, as well as a copy of records documenting the number of new employees hired to work for the Centers For Disease Control And Prevention, in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

Your request has been assigned #19-00387-FOIA.

Extension of Time

To ensure the most equitable treatment possible of all requesters, the CDC processes requests on a first-in, first-out basis, using a multiple track system based upon the estimated time it will take to process a request. Based on your description of the records you are seeking, your request has been placed in the complex track. We will be unable to comply with the twenty-working-day time limit in this case, as well as the ten additional days provided by the statute because we expect that we will have to:

- ☒ Search for and collect records from field facilities, archives, or locations other than the office processing the request.
- ☐ Search for, collect, or examine a great many records in response to a single request.
- ☐ Consult with another office or agency that has substantial interest in the determination of the request.
- ☐ Conduct negotiations with submitters and requesters of information to determine the nature and extent of non-disclosable proprietary materials.

In an effort to process your request promptly, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the volume of potentially responsive records. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services;

National Archives and Records Administration; 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS; College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Fee Category

The FOIA and HHS FOI regulations allow agencies to recover part of the costs of processing FOIA requests. There may be a charge for these records. You have been classified as a:

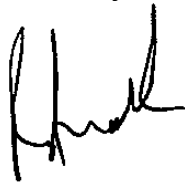
News Media Requester and as such, you will be not be charged fees unless you elect to receive any responsive records in hard copy (10 cents/page).

The cut-off date for your request will be the date the search for responsive records is initiated by program staff.

You may check on the status of your case by going to our FOIA webpage at www2a.cdc.gov/od/foiastatus and entering this number. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Emerique Magyar at 770-488-6359.

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive documents by July 27, 2019. Please know that this date roughly estimates how long it will take the agency to close requests ahead of your request in the queue and complete work on your request. The actual date of completion might be before or after this estimated date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

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